

Parochial Church Council Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2024

GENERAL REPORT

Reference and Administrative Information

St. Mary the Virgin Church is the parish church of Purley on Thames. It is part of the Bradfield Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is St. Mary the Virgin Church, St. Mary's Avenue, Purley on Thames, Reading RG8 8BJ.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 (unless otherwise stated) until the date of this report are:

Ex-officio Members

Revd Dr David Archer	Chairman
Revd Aidan Jones	

Churchwardens

David Davies
Jon Saverton

Deanery Synod Members

Ina Elliott
Jon Saverton
Leo Whyte

Elected Members

Sheila Adnett	Secretary	from APCM 16 April 2024
Ina Elliott		
Sue Fossey		
Dan Head		
Suzanne Greaney		from APCM 16 April 2024
Ginny Green		
Anna Saverton		
Angela Sullivan-Brown		
Nigel Tolson		
Kathryn Tolson		until APCM 16 April 2024
David Watts		until August 2024
Sandra Whitaker		
Leo Whyte		

Co-opted Members

Debbie Corrigan	Treasurer
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Electoral Roll Officer

Vincent West

Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC, 24 Broad Street, Reading, RG1 2BT.
CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

Independent Examiner

Stephen Cox ACMA CGMA, 53 Hazel Road, Purley on Thames, Reading.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under statute law, *The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956*. PCC members are charity trustees. The rules of appointment of PCC members are governed by and set out in the *Church Representation Rules 2020*. Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and consider election to the PCC.

The work of the PCC is supported by working groups which meet between full meetings of the PCC. Their deliberations are reported where necessary to the PCC for discussion and action. A budget is prepared annually by the Treasurer after consultation with those groups which have expenditure. This is presented to the PCC for discussion and approval before being presented to the APCM. Any expenditure which may be proposed during the year and has not been approved within the budget has to be presented to the PCC for specific approval.

St. Mary's PCC met on six occasions through the year.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee of the PCC required by law. It comprises the Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Other members of the PCC may be co-opted to the Standing Committee as necessary. The Standing Committee did not meet during the year.

Leadership Team

Whilst the PCC and Standing Committee are the only required formal decision making bodies, the appointment of members to a Leadership Team remains a priority for the Rector.

At the heart of this team is the recognition that ministry leadership is based on calling and gifting. The role of the Leadership Team is to take overall day to day responsibility for ensuring that St. Mary's continues its progress towards its vision and therefore works closely with the Rector and is accountable to the PCC. This team aims to be made up of those having overall ministry and leadership responsibility for the key dimensions of our vision: **leadership, discipleship, worship, mission and fellowship**.

During 2024, St. Mary's Leadership Team remained in a period of transition, with the Rector meeting regularly with Aidan Jones and Dan Head, with Ina Elliott offering operational support. Formal approval of a new Leadership Team is to be sought in 2025.

The Rector continues to meet regularly one to one with key people for co-ordination. It remains a priority to offer the *Growing Leaders* programme in the coming year.

Working Groups

In the last year the following working groups have reported to the PCC, comprising the following:

Building Team

Revd David Archer, Mike Adnett, David Davies (Chair), David Manning and Geoff Williams.

Finance Team

Revd David Archer, Anne Bolland, Debbie Corrigan (Chair, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary), Anna Saverton and Jon Saverton.

Safeguarding Team

Revd David Archer, Beckie Head (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Dan Head and Nigel Tolson.

Mission Partners Group

Revd David Archer (Chair), Sheila Adnett (Secretary), Kathryn Tolson and Bob Trendell.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, in promoting the mission of the church in the parish – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St. Mary's mission is **to be whole-life disciples of Jesus Christ who changes lives, communities and nations**.

The PCC has responsibility to support and develop the mission of St. Mary's both home and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, ancillary buildings and churchyard.

Achievements and Performance

Our prayer is to be a vibrant and growing church, and with this in mind this report marks progress against our church vision *Connecting People With God* and the priorities identified in it:

- Deepening our enjoyment of God.
- Creating vibrant Christian communities.
- Fostering creative and courageous leadership.
- Preparing and adapting the church infrastructure.
- Committed to being a missional church.
- Being whole-life disciples.

In many ways 2024 felt as though church life had returned to as near normal as might be imagined following the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, we resumed use of a common cup at communion. The PCC continues to recognise that some ministry areas, such as offering prayer ministry, still require rebuilding or strengthening. During the year, we continued to emphasise the following three areas as a priority for St. Mary's:

- Sundays as a place of genuine encounter with God,
- Children and Youth ministry that is well-resourced and able to flourish,
- Every church member invited to be effectively disciplined in a Connect Group.

During 2024, Sunday and midweek ministry took the following shape:

- Sunday services – Contemporary Worship (CW) and Traditional Worship (TW) – are all in-person other than occasional online material offered as a selection of YouTube messages. PCC has explored being able to livestream services, given low-cost streaming systems are available, to offer something to those who are unable to attend physically, or for occasional events such as funerals. For this to be viable, reliable high speed internet access is required.
- At CW, the first Sunday of the month is “all-age”, the third Sunday communion, and the fifth Sunday is an “all-age communion”. We have moved to offering two communion stations to improve circulation, enabled through the generous gift by a church member of a new communion cup.
- A full programme of children and youth activities is offered on Sundays as part of our Contemporary Worship, greatly enhanced by the new children's cabin and makeover of the *Loft* and this year from the *Hub* being redecorated so that it now has a clean and bright aesthetic. Three dedicated spaces serve our children and youth ministry, *IGNITE: Glow* meets in the *Cabin*, *Nitro* in the *Hub* and *TNT* in the *Loft*.
- *Guest Sundays* were reintroduced on a termly basis with the express aim of offering a Sunday event that is distinctively different to a usual Sunday service and designed to make it easy to invite guests along to who are curious about questions of faith. Our desire is to become more confident in communicating our faith and invitational as a church.
- At TW, every Sunday of the month follows a traditional style of worship service drawing its character from the rich heritage of the Church of England – with hymns, more formal liturgy and the celebration of Holy Communion. No separate programmes are offered for young people.
- A usual pattern of Easter (*Last Supper Celebration*, *Good Friday Reflection*, *Easter Sunday Service*) and Christmas (*Carols by Candlelight*, *Crib Service*, *Midnight Communion*, *Christmas Celebration*) services resumed, with encouraging numbers attending services during these festival seasons. At Christmas turnout was higher than last year at all services, with overall attendance up by 15%.
- A simple spoken service of midweek communion meets in the Chancel on a Wednesday morning.

We continue to welcome new guests, including young families to our Sunday services, especially at CW. Some have arrived with no previous connection to St. Mary's or the Christian faith. The number of men curious about faith and attending church, especially amongst the Gen Z generation is particularly notable.

Over the past 15 years, St. Mary's has grown numerically – in the order of 25% – into a thriving church community, with Sunday attendance now placing the church within the top 15% of Anglican churches nationwide. This of course is to be set against a picture of national decline in church attendance – in the order of 40% – over the same period. St. Mary's has consistently demonstrated that growth is possible even in a village setting.

Our ability to raise up new leaders and expand ministries has been a cornerstone of this growth, and we are committed to sustaining this trajectory into the future. As part of this conversation PCC has taken seriously the need to growth the staff team from 2025 onwards.

For reference, St. Mary's electoral roll figures for the last decade are as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Electoral Roll	107	110	109	112	122	117	111	113	113	112

We can take many encouragements from these figures and they bear witness to a church family committed to serving God faithfully to enable Sundays to be a genuine encounter with God, to pastorally care for one another and to have an outward looking approach to ministry. As a “thank you” to all those who volunteer at St. Mary's in one way or another, the Rectory Garden was the venue for a *Volunteers' Summer Party* in the late summer.

The following is a “snapshot” of life at St. Mary's during 2024.

The teaching and preaching in our Sunday services followed a pattern of both thematic and expository series, emphasising the importance of Biblical exegesis and developing the personal discipline of regularly spending time in the Scriptures and in prayer. During Lent, *Plain Speaking: The Jesus Manifesto* explored Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, found in Luke's gospel. Miniseries included *1 Timothy*, *Habits Of A Healthy Heart* and *Lessons From The Life Of David*. A major autumn message series gave ample opportunity to explore *The Book Of Revelation*. Termly *Guest Sundays*, covered themes of *Why Do Good Things Happen To Bad People?* *The Surprising Rebirth In Belief In God* and *Is It True There Is No Truth?* A baptism service for adults took place in June. *Alpha* was offered in the spring term, attended by 11 guests, along with an *Alpha Day Away* at St. Birinus House.

Our Sunday services are served well by a group of worship leaders and their teams, a dedicated AV team and worship support, particularly *SongPro* administration. It is our desire to see musical gifts developed and used for service in this significant ministry area and ongoing strengthening of these teams would be beneficial. Further work on upgrading our AV equipment is needing to be undertaken, including the installation of new speakers and repeater screens in the nave.

Worship is not restricted to Sunday mornings. A midweek Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion is offered and *Morning Prayer* takes place every Tuesday morning. Our church's prayer life continues to be nourished by a helpful monthly *Prayer Diary*. The *Prayer Board* remains in use, allowing anyone to ask for prayer by completing a prayer tag. We are looking to reestablish a pattern of church-wide monthly prayer.

2024 was a good year for the growth of *IGNITE*, our children and youth ministry. During the spring term *Glow* and *Nitro* focussed on the life of Jesus, his encounters with people, his miracles, and his “I AM” sayings. In the summer, what it means to live as a Christian and growing in the fruits of the Spirit. The autumn term allowed a big walk through the characters of the Bible, starting with Adam and Eve, plotting these stories on a big Bible timeline. The *TNT* group completed a Youth Alpha series, looked at the Ten Commandments and a “Bible Unravelling” series, as well as enjoying regular visits to the Mad Duck café. One highlight was an “all-in” Mothering Sunday craft day when the older ones from TNT helped lead the younger ones in their activities. The day produced many hand-made paper and card flowers that were presented to the women in the church.

On average *IGNITE* welcomed about 14 children and young people per week, with a high of about 22. The safeguarding protocols and practices were greatly strengthened, including introducing a clear pathway for new members of the team to become fully trained and legitimised according to Diocesan safeguarding requirements. 3 new team members were welcomed onboard. Looking ahead, we need to increase the size of the *IGNITE* team, especially developing new leaders to help share the load, and find avenues to invite more families and children to join in the fun!

We have again prioritised our *Connect Groups* through the oversight of Dan Head, recognising that this ministry area is key to the spiritual health of the church and the first point of call in providing pastoral care to church members. To help *Connect Group* leaders, we began introducing question sheets to accompany Sunday messages. *Ladybirds*, a midweek group for ladies, emphasising friendship and connection, continues to flourish.

We offer pastoral care to individuals within the church and in the community, through clergy visits and more informally through members of the congregation caring for others. It remains a priority to reform a *Pastoral Care Team*. The *Tuesday Lunch Club*, extends Christian hospitality and companionship to people, providing a light 2-course cooked lunch in a relaxed environment. Led by Sheila Adnett, it meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is well attended and appreciated by those who attend. The *Singing For Fun* group offers friendship and support to older people around a format of singing, tea and some Christian input. It continues to flourish – with weekly attendances up to 70 guests – and is led by a committed team of volunteers. A *Singing for Fun* fund raising quiz evening took place in the autumn. We serve the wider community through our annual *Community Memorial Service* and *Senior Citizens' Tea Party*. In November we again led a *Remembrance Sunday* service at Purley Memorial Hall. Many of the events and ministries that we offer are dependent on a servant hearted and dedicated *Hospitality Team*, led by Jackie Davies.

Our engagement with the wider church exists financially through the support of our mission partners and is coordinated by our *Mission Partners Group*. Our overseas mission partners are MAI, *Chinchpada Christian Hospital* and SIM, *The Mackies*. Our local partners are *Rahab* and *Yeldall Manor*. We commit to give at least 10% of our income to support our mission partners and help fund and encourage short-term mission trips, especially among our young people. In the summer as part of our *Celebration of Hope* season we hosted a livelink conversation between Drs. Deepak and Ashita Singh (India) and Dave Mackie (Pakistan). Closer to home we are involved in the Diocese of Oxford, Bradfield Deanery and Chapter. We are members of the ecumenical group, *All Churches Together Pangbourne and District*.

Missional events remain an important aspect of our work. We have continued to host *Village Concerts* which brings high quality music to the local area. These have been very successful in attracting a new audience to the church building and helping position the church as a venue for professional music within the community. They generate a useful income.

We have continued our schools work, leading collective worship at our church school *Purley Primary School* and through welcoming *Long Lane Primary School* to church for their Christmas Carol Concert. A member of the church plays an active role in the church school through their work as a governor. It would be good to explore having greater involvement with both our local primary and secondary schools.

St. Mary's is a satellite of *Readifood*, Reading's Food Bank and we are active in regularly collecting food for this important local ministry. A number of church members are involved with *Street Pastors* and *First Stop*. We have a presence in the community through the production and distribution of the *Purley Parish News* our magazine for church and community, first published in 1933 by Revd Ernest Skuse.

The effective running of St. Mary's church is dependent on the effort and work of various teams – for which we are very grateful – including our dedicated *Finance Team* and *Safeguarding Team*. With regards to the latter we are signed into and compliant with the national Church of England Safeguarding Dashboard and all its requirements.

Our church buildings are served well by our *Building Team* led by David Davies. The team efficiently maintain our buildings to a high standard, through the ongoing and necessary task of monitoring and carrying out essential repair works. An unexpected repair during the year was the *Hub* roof. The team undertook the redecoration of the *Hub* which included the installation of new energy efficient lighting. Our Churchwardens continue to manage our facilities. Our rooms are well utilised by a few regular bookings, providing a useful source of additional income. A newly formed *Gardening Team* carry out maintenance work in the churchyard. The appearance of St. Mary's grounds are greatly enhanced by contracting out regular grass cutting through the growing season.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Finance Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Overview

The financial year 2024 ended in an overall surplus of £8,964 (2023 surplus of £14,828) taking restricted and unrestricted funds together. £9,886 of the surplus was on the unrestricted position. This result is due to the generosity and sacrificial giving of our church family. Much of our income comes from giving, 88% in 2024 (94% in 2023). This stands us in good stead and we are so grateful for the generous and faithful stewardship of our church family.

The key financial position is that of general unrestricted funds. For the second time in five years, there were more income receipts than expenditure and the general unrestricted fund rose by £9,886 (£14,123 in 2023). This also meant that the reserves policy of the PCC was met and the general fund stood at £38,119 at the end of the financial year.

Overall unrestricted income fell by 5% (rise of 38% in 2023), and unrestricted donations fell by 9% (increased 29% in 2023). Unrestricted expenditure was £102,614 (2023: £104,388) and was 1.7% lower than in 2023, (2023 12% rise). After the significant 2023 rise in gas costs (fourfold increase in 2023, despite a 7% drop in usage through careful management), 2024 saw gas costs fall by 67%. Electricity costs fell too mainly due to a large credit owed at the start of the year. These two events helped the financial position greatly. Utilities and cleaning costs were 50% of the 2023 costs.

It has been another challenging year in many ways, the finances continue to be difficult to manage, but the emphasis we place on regular giving has enabled us to continue to weather the challenges. We give all the praise to God. God is faithful. (Genesis 22:14 Jehovah Jireh; The Lord will provide).

General Fund

Receipts

Overall income of more than £121,000 was administered in 2024 (£130,000 in 2023). Regular unrestricted and planned stewardship (by bank, weekly or gift aid envelopes) decreased by 8% to £74,522 (2023 saw an increase of 27% to £80,928). The graph overleaf shows the trend in regular unrestricted and planned giving (yellow line); regular giving had been showing a marked increase after sluggish performance since 2018. So, emphasis needs to be placed on this area. For the future of the church we must continue to have a greater spotlight on performance with emphasis and teaching on regular giving. An interesting fact is that unrestricted regular giving has increased by 41% since 2014, however in the same time period inflation has reduced the value of giving by 36%, so £10 given in 2014 and never reviewed is now only worth £7.35, an excellent reminder to regularly review personal giving in light of pay and pension inflation rises.

Online and contactless giving continues to increase and to supplement service collections standing at £3,947 (£2,155 in 2023). Income tax receipts up to October 2024 amounted to £17,620 compared to £19,725 in 2023. Lettings income fell once again in 2024 to £1,386 (£1,570 in 2023). Marketing of this facility needs some focus. Thanks go to Fran Jones who administers this area of income.

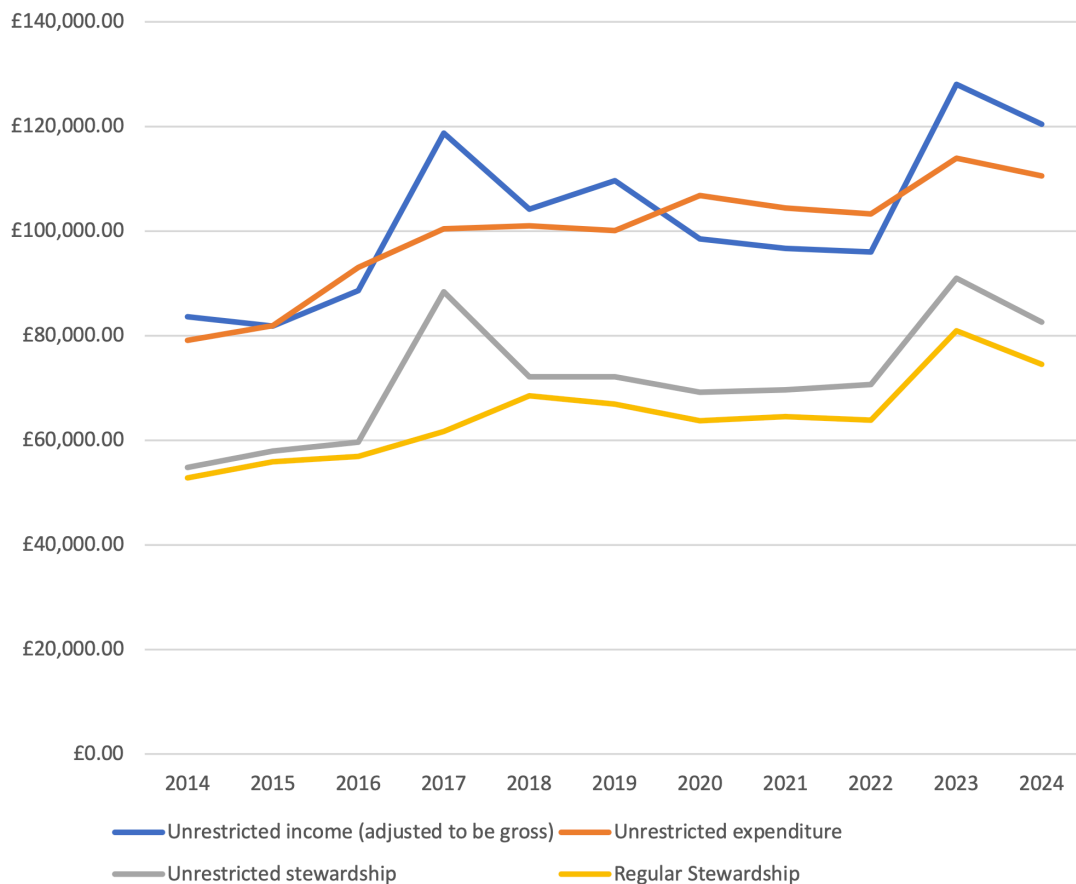
Net income from fees shows a surplus of £1,101 (£2528 in 2023). Thanks go to Anne Bolland who administers this area of ministry.

Net income from the Purley Parish News shows a very small surplus. Focus is needed on the advertising income, which will be possible this year. Subscriber numbers have levelled off and been maintained again, which is positive after previous falls. However, the PCC needs to take a decision on whether to proceed with this area of ministry. A great deal of work goes into the production and distribution of the magazine with over 50 individuals involved (both church and non-church folk). Thanks go to the Editorial Team and all distributors.

Fund raising income was at the highest level for six years. The majority of this was due to Village Concerts. Thanks go to the team who put these events on. St. Mary's receives 20% of ticket profits and all the bar profits.

Restricted fund total receipts in 2024 amounted to £8,965 (£2,611 in 2023). A £5,000 anonymous gift was restricted to the wifi restricted fund. The rest was towards youth/children's work including a grant from Oxford Diocese.

Unrestricted Income - 2014 to 2024



Payments

The total unrestricted payments for 2024 amounted to £102,614 (2023 £104,388), 1.7% lower.

Our largest area of expenditure, the Parish share, continued to dominate. It increased by around 5%. Once again, St. Mary's paid it in full. St. Mary's also contributed £150 towards the costs of the Area Dean. The designated fund which had been set up when David Archer was Area Dean, has now been depleted and used to part fund the housing costs of the Curate.

Mission giving was £10,693 (2023 £10,968). The PCC policy is to donate 10% of our stewardship giving to our selected mission partners. What a privilege it is to be able to give to others from our plenty and to sow into the Lord's work in the UK and overseas.

Expenditure on utilities and cleaning decreased to £7,645 (2023 £15,201). St. Mary's energy is purchased through the Parish Buying Scheme to try and achieve the most cost-effective rates. Costs have fallen by 50% in this area after hefty bills in 2023. Continued management of usage of the heating is required.

Repairs and maintenance costs have increased to £2,399 (2023 £1,621). 40% of this went on heating repairs (by-pass valve) and boiler service. Thanks go to all involved in managing the fabric of our beautiful church.

Stationery, computing, publicity, and photocopier costs fell to £2,872 from £3,995. Savings will continue to be seen in this area with the departure of the leased photocopier which cost over £2,000 per year. £542 was the cost of the online financial ledger, and £756 was the cost of the Churchsuite database which is transforming our churchwide communication and will assist with meeting GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) and managing rotas and contact details. The remainder was for Zoom, the website and publicity.

The balance sheet reports balances on the general fund of £38,119 as at 31 December 2024, no balance on the designated fund and £27,761 in restricted funds. PCC has an agreed reserves policy of retaining circa 3 months of expenditure in case of need. We have met this policy.

We all need to keep a close eye on our giving. If we stand and worship an almighty heavenly Father, whose love is boundless, whose generosity is endless, we need to respond.

Building Fund

Since 2013 we have spent over £44,500 on concept designs, professional fees, legal advice and feasibility studies. The addition of the childrens cabin, The Cabin, has seen a flourishing in our childrens work and a seemingly linked increase in numbers at church. We now need to take stock and decide where this project stands in priorities, alongside the replacement of the church chairs which are showing increasing signs of wear and tear.

Future

2024 has once again been a challenging year but there has been an amazing display of God's favour through the generosity, sacrificial giving and financial faithfulness of our church family. Our hope is that God's favour would continue to be on us, as we seek to grow the numbers searching for and turning towards God in our community.

Thanks go to the banking team, to Anna Saverton in her role supporting the Treasurer, to the finance team and to the independent examiner for his efforts in providing the examination of the accounts.

Debbie Corrigan, *Treasurer*

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of PCC St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the next three pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames, as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  _____

S Cox

53 Hazel Road

Purley on Thames

Reading

Date: 26/04/2025

PCC ST MARYS PURLEY-ON-THAMES
Financial statement for the period 1 January - 31 December 2024

General Funds	Actual 2024				Actual 2023			
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General (£)	Designated (£)			General (£)	Designated		
Receipts								
Stewardship	74,522.00	0.00	1,285.20	1	80,928.00	8,938.09	2,285.20	92,151.29
Single Donations	3,400.00		5,000.00		7,020.00			7,020.00
Online & Contactless giving	3,947.00				2,155.00			2,155.00
Service Collections	753.81				871.63			871.63
Income Tax Recovered	17,619.73		294.53	2	19,399.78		325.65	19,725.43
Legacy income/in memory of	0.00				700.00			700.00
Lettings gross	100,242.54	0.00	6,579.73		111,074.41	8,938.09	2,610.85	122,623.35
Fees (net)	1,386.00				1,570.00			1,570.00
Parish Magazine - net	1,101.00			3	2,528.00			2,528.00
	78.80			4	181.00			181.00
Fund Raising, & Community events (net)	2,740.88			5	2,007.28			2,007.28
Interest	1,462.62				292.48			292.48
Other Income	5,489.01		2,385.62	6	857.83			857.83
Total receipts	112,500.85	0.00	8,965.35		118,511.00	8,938.09	2,610.85	130,059.94
Expenditure								
Donations (see balance sheet)	10,693.45				10,967.56			10,967.56
Parish Share (gross)	68,812.07				65,278.00			65,278.00
Parish contribution to Area Dean costs	150.00							
Service expenses	647.64				268.88			268.88
Evangelism, Mission, Outreach	223.32				0.00			0.00
Audio Visual Costs	0.00				1,150.00		410.00	1,560.00
Copyright license	790.85				800.28			800.28
Children & Youth	401.49				280.74			2,614.58
Travel	128.61		2,385.62		245.01		2,333.84	245.01
Leadership & Pastoral	164.29				177.00			177.00
Small group resources	0.00				0.00			0.00
Subscriptions, books & Training	283.05				182.17			182.17
Telephone & Postage	552.21				570.24			570.24
Broadband/Church wifi	0.00				0.00			0.00
Stationery, Photocopier, Computing & publicity	2,872.47			7	3,995.30			3,995.30
Utilities & Cleaning	7,645.58			8	15,200.82			15,200.82
Insurance	2,329.00				2,732.81			2,732.81
Building project (professional fees)	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance	2,399.16			9	1,621.12			1,621.12
Curate housing rental	3,372.70	7,502.30				8,100.08		8,100.08
Furniture & Fittings& Equipment	0.00				0.00			0.00
Bank Charges including Sumup/Good Box	386.97				353.39			353.39
Hospitality & thank you gifts	550.64				486.85			486.85
Legal Fees	0.00				0.00			0.00
Sundry Expenses	210.95			10	78.01			78.01
Total payments	102,614.45	7,502.30	2,385.62		104,388.18	8,100.08	2,743.84	115,232.10
Excess of receipts over payments	9,886.40	(7,502.30)	6,579.73		14,122.82	838.01	(132.99)	14,827.84

Note 1a: Restricted Stewardship Receipts

	2024 Receipts (£)	2023 Receipts (£)
Children & Youth	1,579.73	1,610.85
Children & Youth grant	2,385.62	0.00
Youth Cabin	0.00	1,000.00
Building	0.00	0.00
Mission	0.00	0.00
In Memory of E Smith	0.00	0.00
COVID support	0.00	0.00
Wifi	5,000.00	0.00
TOTAL	8,965.35	2,610.85

Note 1b: Stewardship Breakdown

	2024 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2023 Unrestricted Receipts (£)
CAF regular receipts	71,712.00	73,338.00
Lloyds regular receipts	1,860.00	5,350.00
Weekly envelopes	0.00	1,440.00
Gift aid envelopes	950.00	800.00
	74,522.00	80,928.00

Note 1c: Designated Receipts

	2024 Receipts (£)	2023 Receipts (£)
Area Dean Rebate/Curate fund	0.00	8,938.09
	0.00	8,938.09

Note 2: Contactless giving

	2024	2023
Online donations	1,764.00	650.00
Church contactless machine donations	2,183.00	1,505.00
	3,947.00	2,155.00

Note 2a HMRC receipts

	2024 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2023 Restricted Receipts (£)	2023 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2023 Restricted Receipts (£)
Nov 23 to 5 Apr 24	8,681.72	160.65	9,250.10	165.00
6 Apr 23 - 30 Sept 24	8,938.01	133.88	10,149.68	160.65
	17,619.73	294.53	19,399.78	325.65

Note 3: Fees

	2024	2023
Income from fees	2,729.00	3,825.00
Less expenditure from fees	(1,628.00)	(1,297.00)
Net	1,101.00	2,528.00

Note 4: Parish Magazine

	2024	2023
Subscription income (circulation numbers low)	2,833.30	2,530.50
Advertising income (advertising space)	225.50	1,530.50
Less printing costs	(2,980.00)	(3,880.00)
Net	78.80	181.00

Note 5: Fundraising

	2024 Income	2024 Expenditure	2024 Net	2023 Income	2023 Expenditure	2023 Net
Village Concerts (3 events/prepayments CC)	4,500.75	3,264.87	1,235.88	5,164.40	4,036.12	1,128.28
RMVC event			0.00	745.00	326.00	419.00
Quiz x 2 including Singing for Fun	740.00		740.00	460.00		460.00
Barn dance	765.00		765.00			0.00
	6,005.75	3,264.87	2,740.88	6,369.40	4,362.12	2,007.28

Note 6: Other income unrestricted (Gross)

	2024	2023
Book sales (Connect groups/Alpha)	98.00	131.50
Purley Parish Council grants	0.00	667.33
Photocopier usage	0.00	13.00
Event donations	15.00	46.00
Deanery Quinquennial fund redistribution	2,498.60	0.00
Deanery General fund redistribution	2,422.86	0.00
Deanery rebate	284.55	
Insurance donation	130.00	0.00
	5,449.01	857.83

Note 7: Stationery, Photocopier, Computing & Publicity

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Copier paper	0	32.68
Tonor cartridges (Rectory printer)	58.57	263.6
Website platform hosting	147.96	402.32
Weekly envelopes	0	0
Lease of photocopier	0	573.76
Cost of copies	0	302.4
Purchase of small printer/copier	0	350
SSD for AV	0	0
Annual Zoom License/Norton Antivirus/other software	155.88	138.1
Noticeboard posters/service adverts	1211.66	368.56
New website set up costs (photos)	0	350.68
Financial Ledger	542.4	487.20
Churchsuite	756.00	726.00
	<u>2,872.47</u>	<u>3,995.30</u>

Note 8: Utilities & Cleaning

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gas	3,509.40	9,584.40
Electricity	436.72	2,473.35
Water	211.34	128.60
Broadband (Associate Minister)	0.00	0.00
Church wifi costs	0.00	0.00
Cleaning (labour costs)	1,896.05	1,738.00
Cleaning products and equipment	202.07	283.47
Hall floor resurface	0.00	0.00
COVID items for cleaning/hygiene	0.00	0.00
Grass cutting church yard inc green bin	1,390.00	993.00
	<u>7,645.58</u>	<u>15,200.82</u>

Note 9: Repairs & Maintenance

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Roofing work	0.00	120.00
Lighting/bulbs and other electrical repairs	324.69	0.00
Sewage pump replacement and maintenance	234.00	810.00
Hub - internal decoration and repair (entrance 2023)	299.70	0.00
Plumbing	0.00	0.00
Five Year Fixed Wire test (2022 last test)	0.00	0.00
PAT Testing	345.53	266.76
Fire extinguisher servicing	139.62	0.00
Heating repairs and pipework	862.80	348.00
Green bin, signage, other	192.82	76.36
	<u>2,399.16</u>	<u>1,621.12</u>

Note 10: Sundry Expenses

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Guillotine	53.81	0
PTO celebration	62.65	0
Hospitality for meetings/parishioners/welcome		78.01
Propane cylinder	94.49	0
	<u>210.95</u>	<u>78.01</u>